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Commending the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Whereas the Act entitled “An Act to establish a Bureau of Labor”, approved on June 27, 1884 (23 Stat. 60), established a bureau to “collect information upon the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, and the earnings of laboring men and women, and the means of promoting their material, social, intellectual, and moral prosperity”;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the broad field of labor economics and statistics, and in that role it collects, processes, analyzes, and disseminates essential statistical data to the public, Congress, other Federal

agencies, State and local governments, business, and labor;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics has completed 125 years of service to government, business, labor, and the public by producing indispensable data and special studies on prices, employment and unemployment, productivity, wages and other compensation, economic growth, industrial relations, occupational safety and health, the use of time by the people of the United States, and the economic conditions of States and metropolitan areas;

Whereas many public programs and private transactions are dependent today on the quality of such statistics of the Bureau of Labor Statistics as the unemployment rate and the Consumer Price Index, which play essential roles in the allocation of Federal funds and the adjustment of pensions, welfare payments, private contracts, and other payments to offset the impact of inflation;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics pursues these responsibilities with absolute integrity and is known for being unfailingly responsive to the need for new types of information and indexes of change;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics has earned an international reputation as a leader in economic and social statistics;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Internet website, www.bls.gov, began operating in 1995 and meets the public need for timely and accurate information by providing an ever-expanding body of economic data and analysis available to an ever-growing group of online citizens; and

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics has established the highest standards of professional competence and commitment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress commends the Bureau of
3 Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary
4 for the exemplary service its administrators and employees
5 provide in collecting and disseminating vital information
6 for the United States.

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